

Hello Everyone,

We've finalized dates for volunteer riparian projects in the Magic Valley. We'll be looking for volunteers to help on the following projects:

- **Wednesday, Nov 6: Willow Pole Cutting at Stanton Crossing (southwest of Bellevue, ID)** – For this “half-day” morning project we will cut willow and cottonwood poles to be planted at the Little Wood river. Generally it takes us about two hours using hand tools to cut enough poles, which will be planted the next day. Volunteers need to dress for working outside (boots/gloves, etc) in the conditions of the day, and bring food/water. You're welcome to bring a pair of loppers or pruners, or we can provide you with tools.
- **Thursday, Nov 7: Planting at Little Wood River (northeast of Richfield, ID)** – This will be a “full-day” project (but a short day). We will have a lot of young students on this day, so having some adult volunteers willing to assist them would be great. However if that's not your cup of tea, you can work separately at your own pace. The work will consist of trimming and inserting cut willow and cottonwood poles in the river bank, and also planting 1-gallon golden currant with hand tools. Volunteers need to dress for working outside in the conditions of the day, and bring a full water bottle. Hand tools will be provided. **Also, a sack lunch and soft drink will be provided for planting volunteers on this day.**
- **Saturday, Nov 9: Planting at Niagara Springs Wildlife Management Area (near Jerome, ID)** – This “half-day” project will consist of planting 1-gallon golden currant (and maybe willow poles) adjacent to a pond and irrigation ditch at the WMA. Volunteers need to dress for working outside (boots/gloves, etc) in the conditions of the day, and bring food/water. **We could also use extra shovels on this day, so please bring one if you have one.**

**TO SIGN UP, OR IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS:** Please **RSVP by October 28** and I'll get you on the list and fill you in on the details (meeting times, locations, etc).

Here's hoping for lovely fall weather and a chance to see each other out there

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